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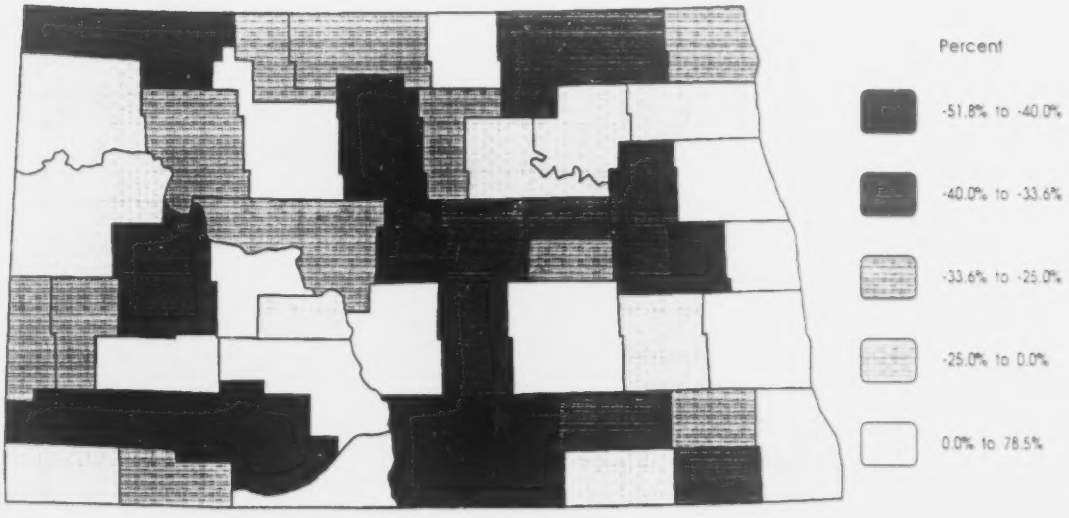

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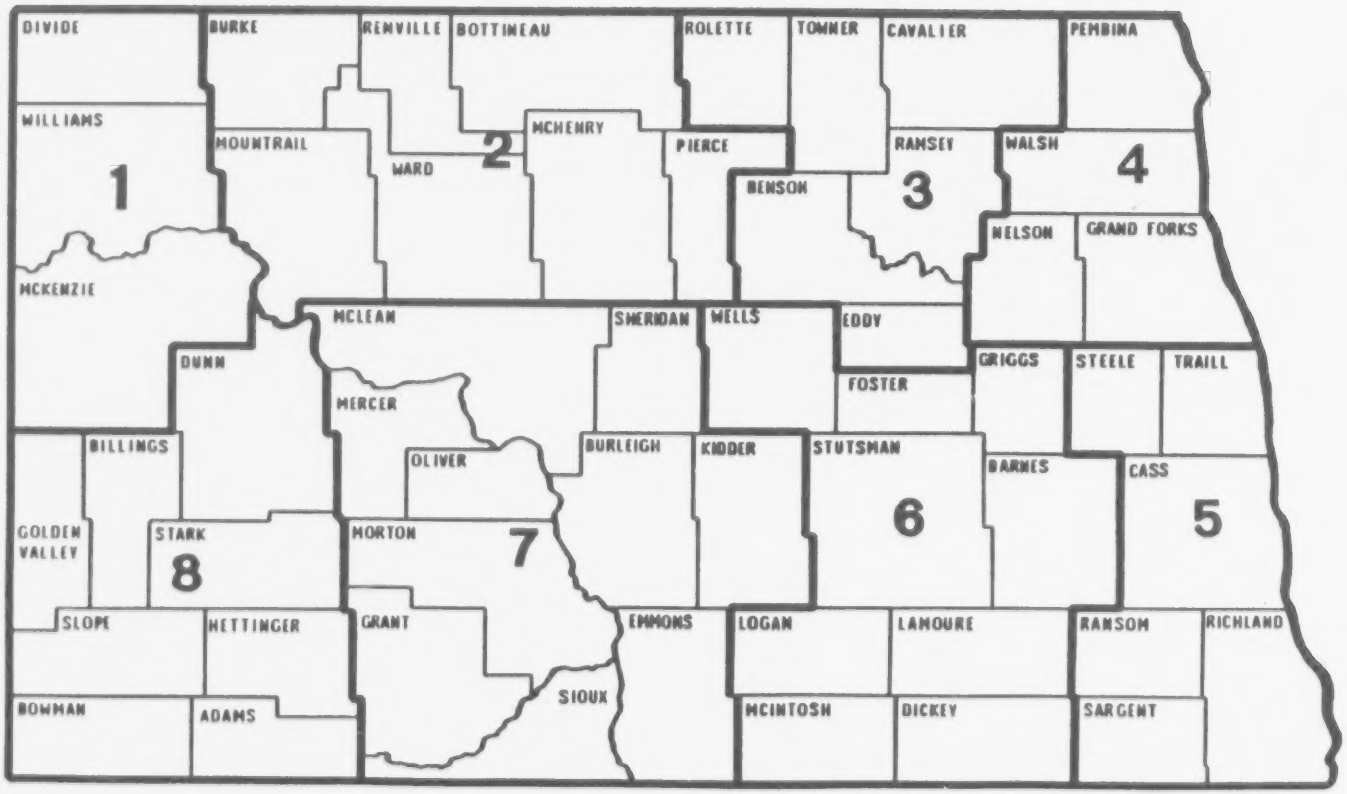

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NORTH DAKOTA POPULATION TRENDS

North Dakota's population peaked in 1930 with 680,845 people, 42,045 more than the 1990 census revealed. From 1930 to 1970, the state had lost more than 63,000 people, bottoming out at 617,761. Subsequently, the coal and oil industries played a significant role in bringing people back, and by 1980, the state's population had risen to 652,717 (an increase of 34,956 in just ten years). This increase, however, was only temporary, and by the 1990 census, the state was back down to 638,800 (a loss of 13,917).

For the purpose of this study, data from the last four census counts (1960, 1970, 1980, and 1990) will be examined. From 1960 to 1990, the state had an actual increase of 1.8 percent or 11,591 (627,209 to 638,800). Within the state, a number of population changes have occurred that present important ramifications to North Dakota's future.

By using the 1990 census data, North Dakota is reported to have 367 incorporated towns or cities within its borders. Based on data from old maps and listings, it was determined that the state originally had 893 towns. The current 367 figure represents a decline of almost 59 percent. Between 1960 and 1990, 150 of these towns have lost population in each and every census. This amounts to almost 41 percent of our towns continually decreasing. The average loss per town during this 30-year period was 154 people, a 38 percent decrease per town. Another 146 towns have lost population between 1960 and 1990, even though intermediate censuses may have shown temporary increases. Altogether, 296 towns have lost population since 1960, amounting to almost 81 percent of our towns and cities.

In comparison, only 18 towns have gained population in each and every census since 1960, and another 53 have gained overall since 1960, resulting in 19 percent of the towns having growth. Dividing the state by planning regions, with Regions I, II, VII, and VIII being considered the western half and Regions III, IV, V, and VI being the eastern half, some interesting details appear. Nearly 68 percent (48) of the growth towns are positioned in the eastern half of the state, while 32 percent (23) are in the western half. Thirty-three (47 percent) of the towns are located in the Red River Valley in counties bordering Minnesota. Cass County leads the state in a couple of categories: having the most number of towns showing growth (18), and the creation of the most "new" towns in North Dakota (8). The next counties to have a number of growth towns are Grand Forks and Richland with 5 each.

The Eighteen Consistent Gainers

	1960	1990	% Growth
1. Beulah	1,318	3,363	155.2%
2. Bismarck	27,670	49,256	78.0%
3. Davenport	143	218	52.4%
4. Des Lacs	185	216	16.8%
5. Devils Lake	6,299	7,782	23.5%
6. Dickinson	9,971	16,097	61.4%
7. Fargo	46,662	74,111	58.8%
8. Grand Forks	34,451	49,425	43.5%
9. Grandin	147	213	44.9%
10. Hazen	1,222	2,818	130.6%
11. Horace	178	662	271.9%
12. Mapleton	180	682	278.9%
13. Minot	30,604	34,544	12.9%
14. Munich	213	310	45.5%
15. Pick City	101	203	101.0%
16. South Heart	0	132	n/c*
17. Thompson	290	930	220.7%
18. West Fargo	3,328	12,287	269.2%

* Percent growth cannot be calculated when the original base is 0.

The eastern half of North Dakota has 208 incorporated towns, while the western half has 159. On average, each county has 7 towns. Cass County has the most number of towns with 27, while Billings and Oliver Counties have the fewest with 1 incorporated town each. Calculating the percent of towns that had growth from the total towns available, shows that the east had 23 percent of its towns grow, while the west had 15 percent.

Using a definition that all people living in any size community are called town dwellers, and that those who do not live in a town are called country dwellers, one notices that between 1960 and 1990, the number of town dwellers has risen from 377,738 (60 percent of the state's population) to 449,668 (70 percent of the state's population). This is a numerical increase of 71,930 during the 30-year period (a 19 percent increase). Country dwellers, on the other hand, have decreased from 249,471 to 189,132. This is a decrease of 60,339 or 24 percent.

Putting aside the town/country comparisons for awhile, and looking at county data, also provides some interesting facts. Using the planning regions to divide the state (25 counties are in the eastern half and 28 are in the western half), it was found that between 1960 and 1990, the eastern counties gained 7,668 people, a 2.2 percent increase. The western counties gained 3,923 or 1.4 percent. Comparing the county numbers to total state growth, 66 percent occurred in the eastern counties, while 34 percent occurred in the western counties.

Between 1960 and 1980, 44 counties (83 percent) lost population, while 9 counties (17 percent) gained population. The 44 losing counties decreased by 97,829 people (15.6 percent of the state population) or 2,223 people per county. The 9 gaining counties increased by 109,420 people (17.4 percent of the state population) or 12,158 people per county. The 9 counties with growth are: Burleigh, Cass, Grand Forks, Mercer, Morton, Rolette, Sioux, Stark, and Ward. Seven (7) of these counties are urban counties and 2 are not (Mercer and Sioux).

Defining urban as any county having a population of 10,000 or more presents us with the fact that in 1960, North Dakota had 19 counties that were urban, but by 1990 there were only 14 counties meeting this definition. The counties that are no longer urban counties are Bottineau, Cavalier, McHenry, Pembina, and Traill.

Looking at the state in even larger geographical areas such as the eight state planning regions, presents a few interesting movements of North Dakota residents. Five of the regions lost population between 1960 and 1990. They were the Williston, Minot, Devils Lake, Jamestown, and Dickinson regions. Only the Grand Forks, Fargo, and Bismarck planning regions showed growth over the same time period. In two of the regions (Williston and Jamestown), every county within the region had population decreases.

After seeing the above statistics, what can be said about what they mean to the average North Dakotan? First of all, one simple trend that is continuing in North Dakota is the decline in population. Since 1930, North Dakota has most often lost population from a previous census. The exceptions occurred in 1960 and 1980 when the state had increases of 7,573 and 34,956 from the previous respective census. Another trend is the migration of people from small towns to the major urban centers. Small communities continue to get smaller or completely disappear. Since statehood, North Dakota has lost 526 communities. The new towns that have been created are bedroom communities around our major metropolitan areas. The majority of the growth that is occurring is located in the eastern half of the state and, in particular, the counties bordering Minnesota. A few counties in North Dakota have only one town and their populations are declining. Considering that many of the least populated counties are adjacent to each other, the concept of sharing law enforcement, school administration, road and bridge maintenance, etc. has to be looked at carefully. Decisions will soon have to be made if the economic base exists to keep two infrastructures going. People are leaving the state, or they are leaving the rural areas for the urban centers within the state. Such migration is posing very serious questions of how to deal with those who remain in the rural areas. Answers won't be easy, nor all of them popular.

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STATEWIDE
NONAG WAGE AND SALARY EMPLOYMENT

(Rounded to fifty)

INDUSTRIES	CURRENT MONTH	PREVIOUS MONTH	% CHANGE FROM	ONE YEAR AGO	% CHANGE FROM
Benchmark 90/1	July 1991	June 1991	June 1991	July 1990	July 1990
TOTAL NONAG	269,600	272,150	-0.9%	265,850	1.4%
GOODS PRODUCING	34,400	34,250	0.4%	33,900	1.5%
MINING	4,900	4,800	2.1%	4,450	10.1%
Coal	1,050	1,050	0.0%	1,050	0.0%
Crude Petroleum & Nat. Gas	3,300	3,200	3.1%	2,900	13.8%
Other Mining	550	550	0.0%	500	10.0%
CONSTRUCTION	12,300	12,000	2.5%	12,200	0.8%
Building Construction	2,900	2,800	3.6%	2,900	0.0%
Street, Highway & Heavy	3,800	3,700	2.7%	3,400	11.8%
Special Trade Construction	5,600	5,500	1.8%	5,900	-5.1%
MANUFACTURING	17,200	17,450	-1.4%	17,250	-0.3%
Durable Goods	8,900	9,200	-3.3%	9,100	-2.2%
Fabricated Metals	1,100	1,100	0.0%	1,200	-8.3%
Machinery, Electric & Trans. Equip	5,250	5,600	-6.3%	5,450	-3.7%
Machinery & Electrical Equipment	3,800	4,000	-5.0%	3,900	-2.6%
Transportation Equipment	1,450	1,600	-9.4%	1,550	-6.5%
Other Durable Goods	2,550	2,500	2.0%	2,450	4.1%
Lumber & Wood	1,150	1,150	0.0%	1,200	-4.2%
Misc Durable Goods	1,400	1,350	3.7%	1,250	12.0%
Nondurable Goods	8,300	8,250	0.6%	8,150	1.8%
Food & Kindred Products	4,250	4,200	1.2%	4,050	4.9%
Dairy Products	600	600	0.0%	700	-14.3%
Grain Mill & Bakery Products	1,100	1,050	4.8%	950	15.8%
Sugar & Confectionary	600	600	0.0%	600	0.0%
Other Foods	1,950	1,950	0.0%	1,800	8.3%
Paper Products & Printing & Publishing	2,500	2,500	0.0%	2,500	0.0%
Other Nondurable Goods	1,550	1,550	0.0%	1,600	-3.1%
SERVICES PRODUCING	235,200	237,900	-1.1%	231,950	1.4%
TRAN, COMM & UTILITIES	16,950	17,050	-0.6%	16,800	0.9%
Transportation	8,650	8,850	-2.3%	8,600	0.6%
Trucking & Warehousing	4,900	5,000	-2.0%	4,900	0.0%
Other Transportation	3,750	3,850	-2.6%	3,700	1.4%
Railroads	1,800	1,900	-5.3%	1,850	-2.7%
Local & Suburban Transportation	650	650	0.0%	650	0.0%
Water, Air & Pipeline	1,300	1,300	0.0%	1,200	8.3%
Communications	3,600	3,500	2.9%	3,400	5.9%
Utilities	4,700	4,700	0.0%	4,800	-2.1%
WHOLESALE TRADE	19,400	19,400	0.0%	19,700	-1.5%
Durable Goods	9,100	9,100	0.0%	9,200	-1.1%
Nondurable Goods	10,300	10,300	0.0%	10,500	-1.9%

STATEWIDE
NONAG WAGE AND SALARY EMPLOYMENT

(Rounded to fifty)

INDUSTRIES	CURRENT MONTH	PREVIOUS MONTH	% CHANGE FROM	ONE YEAR AGO	% CHANGE FROM
Benchmark 90/1	July 1991	June 1991	June 1991	July 1990	July 1990
RETAIL TRADE	53,150	52,850	0.6%	51,050	4.1%
Hardware & Garden	2,500	2,500	0.0%	2,400	4.2%
General Merchandise	7,300	7,300	0.0%	6,100	19.7%
Food Stores	7,400	7,200	2.8%	7,200	2.8%
Auto Dealers & Service Stations	6,900	6,900	0.0%	6,900	0.0%
Apparel & Accessory	2,500	2,400	4.2%	2,500	0.0%
Furniture Stores	1,650	1,650	0.0%	1,650	0.0%
Eating & Drinking Places	19,100	19,100	0.0%	18,800	1.6%
Misc Retail	5,800	5,800	0.0%	5,500	5.5%
FINANCE, INS & REAL ESTATE	12,800	12,700	0.8%	12,500	2.4%
Finance	6,550	6,550	0.0%	6,550	0.0%
Banking	5,600	5,600	0.0%	5,600	0.0%
Other Finance	950	950	0.0%	950	0.0%
Insurance	4,250	4,150	2.4%	4,050	4.9%
Insurance Underwriters	2,700	2,600	3.8%	2,600	3.8%
Insurance Agents & Brokers	1,550	1,550	0.0%	1,450	6.9%
Real Estate	2,000	2,000	0.0%	1,900	5.3%
SERVICES	71,200	71,300	-0.1%	69,400	2.6%
Lodging	4,700	4,600	2.2%	4,600	2.2%
Personal & Business	8,200	8,200	0.0%	8,100	1.2%
Personal Services	3,200	3,200	0.0%	3,100	3.2%
Business Services	5,000	5,000	0.0%	5,000	0.0%
Recreational Services	3,000	2,900	3.4%	2,900	3.4%
Health Services	30,000	30,000	0.0%	29,000	3.4%
Nursing & Hospital	22,000	22,000	0.0%	21,100	4.3%
Other Health	8,000	8,000	0.0%	7,900	1.3%
Educational Services	2,400	2,600	-7.7%	2,400	0.0%
Social Services	7,100	7,100	0.0%	6,500	9.2%
Membership Organizations	8,300	8,300	0.0%	8,200	1.2%
Other Services	7,500	7,600	-1.3%	7,700	-2.6%
Auto & Misc Repair	2,200	2,300	-4.3%	2,400	-8.3%
Legal Services	1,500	1,500	0.0%	1,500	0.0%
Misc Services	3,800	3,800	0.0%	3,800	0.0%
GOVERNMENT	61,700	64,600	-4.5%	62,500	-1.3%
Federal	10,300	10,300	0.0%	10,700	-3.7%
State & Local	51,400	54,300	-5.3%	51,800	-0.8%
State Government	18,300	19,200	-4.7%	17,800	2.8%
Educational Services	10,600	11,600	-8.6%	10,400	1.9%
Other State Government	7,700	7,600	1.3%	7,400	4.1%
Local Government	33,100	35,100	-5.7%	34,000	-2.6%
Educational Services	13,900	16,100	-13.7%	14,000	-0.7%
Other Local Government	19,200	19,000	1.1%	20,000	-4.0%

BISMARCK MSA
NONAG WAGE AND SALARY EMPLOYMENT

(Rounded to fifty)

INDUSTRIES	CURRENT MONTH	PREVIOUS MONTH	% CHANGE FROM	ONE YEAR AGO	% CHANGE FROM
Benchmark 90/1	July 1991	June 1991	June 1991	July 1990	July 1990
TOTAL NONAG	41,550	42,150	-1.4%	39,900	4.1%
GOODS PRODUCING	5,000	4,900	2.0%	4,500	11.1%
MINING & CONSTRUCTION	2,600	2,500	4.0%	2,200	18.2%
MANUFACTURING	2,400	2,400	0.0%	2,300	4.3%
Durable Goods	1,000	1,000	0.0%	1,000	0.0%
Nondurable Goods	1,400	1,400	0.0%	1,300	7.7%
SERVICES PRODUCING	36,550	37,250	-1.9%	35,400	3.2%
TRANS, COMM. & UTILITIES	2,950	2,950	0.0%	2,850	3.5%
Transportation	1,250	1,250	0.0%	1,200	4.2%
Communications & Utilities	1,700	1,700	0.0%	1,650	3.0%
WHOLESALE TRADE	2,100	2,100	0.0%	2,200	-4.5%
RETAIL TRADE	8,450	8,550	-1.2%	8,300	1.8%
General Merchandise & Apparel	1,700	1,700	0.0%	1,600	6.3%
Food Stores	1,050	1,100	-4.5%	1,050	0.0%
Auto Dealers & Service Stations	1,000	1,050	-4.8%	1,100	-9.1%
Eating & Drinking Places	2,900	2,900	0.0%	2,900	0.0%
Other Retail	1,800	1,800	0.0%	1,650	9.1%
FINANCE, INS. & REAL ESTATE	1,550	1,500	3.3%	1,550	0.0%
SERVICES	12,650	12,750	-0.8%	11,950	5.9%
Lodging	1,000	1,000	0.0%	900	11.1%
Personal & Business	1,500	1,500	0.0%	1,450	3.4%
Health Services	5,500	5,500	0.0%	5,100	7.8%
Educational Services	400	500	-20.0%	350	14.3%
Social Services	1,250	1,250	0.0%	1,150	8.7%
Membership Organizations	1,250	1,250	0.0%	1,250	0.0%
Other Services	1,750	1,750	0.0%	1,750	0.0%
GOVERNMENT	8,850	9,400	-5.9%	8,550	3.5%
Federal	1,150	1,150	0.0%	1,150	0.0%
State	4,200	4,200	0.0%	4,050	3.7%
State Education	300	300	0.0%	250	20.0%
Other State	3,900	3,900	0.0%	3,800	2.6%
Local	3,500	4,050	-13.6%	3,350	4.5%
Local Education	1,500	2,100	-28.6%	1,550	-3.2%
Other Local	2,000	1,950	2.6%	1,800	11.1%

FARGO-MOORHEAD MSA
NONAG WAGE AND SALARY EMPLOYMENT

(Rounded to fifty)

INDUSTRIES	CURRENT MONTH	PREVIOUS MONTH	% CHANGE FROM	ONE YEAR AGO	% CHANGE FROM
Benchmark 90/1	July 1991	June 1991	June 1991	July 1990	July 1990
TOTAL NONAG	78,700	79,700	-1.3%	76,150	3.3%
GOODS PRODUCING	9,850	9,800	0.5%	10,250	-3.9%
MINING & CONSTRUCTION	4,300	4,300	0.0%	4,500	-4.4%
Special Trade	2,200	2,200	0.0%	2,300	-4.3%
Other Mining & Construction	2,100	2,100	0.0%	2,200	-4.5%
MANUFACTURING	5,550	5,500	0.9%	5,750	-3.5%
Durable Goods	2,700	2,750	-1.8%	2,950	-8.5%
Fabricated Metals & Machinery	1,400	1,500	-6.7%	1,550	-9.7%
Other Durable Goods	1,300	1,250	4.0%	1,400	-7.1%
Nondurable Goods	2,850	2,750	3.6%	2,800	1.8%
Food & Kindred	1,800	1,700	5.9%	1,750	2.9%
Other Nondurable Goods	1,050	1,050	0.0%	1,050	0.0%
SERVICES PRODUCING	68,850	69,900	-1.5%	65,900	4.5%
TRANS, COMM & UTILITIES	4,800	4,850	-1.0%	4,600	4.3%
Trucking & Warehousing	2,300	2,300	0.0%	2,100	9.5%
Other Transportation	900	900	0.0%	900	0.0%
Communications & Utilities	1,600	1,650	-3.0%	1,600	0.0%
WHOLESALE TRADE	7,000	7,000	0.0%	6,900	1.4%
Durable Goods	3,900	3,900	0.0%	3,900	0.0%
Nondurable Goods	3,100	3,100	0.0%	3,000	3.3%
RETAIL TRADE	16,200	16,200	0.0%	15,550	4.2%
General Merchandise & Apparel	3,200	3,200	0.0%	2,800	14.3%
Food Stores	2,100	2,100	0.0%	2,100	0.0%
Auto Dealers & Service Stations	2,000	2,000	0.0%	1,950	2.6%
Eating & Drinking Places	6,100	6,100	0.0%	5,900	3.4%
Other Retail	2,800	2,800	0.0%	2,800	0.0%
FINANCE, INS & REAL ESTATE	4,750	4,750	0.0%	4,650	2.2%
Finance	2,000	2,000	0.0%	2,000	0.0%
Insurance Carriers	1,600	1,600	0.0%	1,550	3.2%
Other Insurance & Real Estate	1,150	1,150	0.0%	1,100	4.5%
SERVICES	22,400	22,300	0.4%	21,300	5.2%
Lodging	1,400	1,400	0.0%	1,350	3.7%
Personal & Business	3,800	3,800	0.0%	3,600	5.6%
Recreation & Amusement	1,150	1,100	4.5%	1,000	15.0%
Health Services	8,400	8,400	0.0%	8,100	3.7%
Educational Services	1,500	1,400	7.1%	1,450	3.4%
Social Services	1,800	1,850	-2.7%	1,600	12.5%
Membership Organizations	1,550	1,550	0.0%	1,500	3.3%
Other Services	2,800	2,800	0.0%	2,700	3.7%
GOVERNMENT	13,700	14,800	-7.4%	12,900	6.2%
Federal	2,300	2,300	0.0%	2,400	-4.2%
State	4,800	5,500	-12.7%	4,700	2.1%
State Education	4,200	4,900	-14.3%	4,100	2.4%
Other State	600	600	0.0%	600	0.0%
Local	6,600	7,000	-5.7%	5,800	13.8%
Local Education	3,400	4,000	-15.0%	2,800	21.4%
Other Local	3,200	3,000	6.7%	3,000	6.7%

GRAND FORKS MSA
NONAG WAGE AND SALARY EMPLOYMENT

(Rounded to fifty)

INDUSTRIES	CURRENT MONTH	PREVIOUS MONTH	% CHANGE FROM	ONE YEAR AGO	% CHANGE FROM
Benchmark 90/1	July 1991	June 1991	June 1991	July 1990	July 1990
TOTAL NONAG	31,550	31,300	0.8%	30,650	2.9%
GOODS PRODUCING	3,050	3,000	1.7%	3,000	1.7%
MINING & CONSTRUCTION	1,400	1,300	7.7%	1,550	-9.7%
MANUFACTURING	1,650	1,700	-2.9%	1,450	13.8%
Durable Goods	650	650	0.0%	550	18.2%
Nondurable Goods	1,000	1,050	-4.8%	900	11.1%
SERVICES PRODUCING	28,500	28,300	0.7%	27,650	3.1%
TRANS, COMM. & UTILITIES	1,750	1,750	0.0%	1,650	6.1%
Transportation	1,050	1,050	0.0%	1,000	5.0%
Communications & Utilities	700	700	0.0%	650	7.7%
WHOLESALE TRADE	1,600	1,550	3.2%	1,600	0.0%
RETAIL TRADE	7,900	7,650	3.3%	7,500	5.3%
General Merchandise & Apparel	2,000	1,950	2.6%	1,800	11.1%
Eating & Drinking Places	2,900	2,900	0.0%	2,800	3.6%
Other Retail	3,000	2,800	7.1%	2,900	3.4%
FINANCE, INS. & REAL ESTATE	1,100	1,100	0.0%	1,100	0.0%
SERVICES	7,650	7,650	0.0%	7,250	5.5%
Personal & Business	1,050	1,050	0.0%	950	10.5%
Health Services	3,000	3,000	0.0%	2,900	3.4%
Other Services	3,600	3,600	0.0%	3,400	5.9%
GOVERNMENT	8,500	8,600	-1.2%	8,550	-0.6%
Federal	1,500	1,550	-3.2%	1,550	-3.2%
State	4,700	4,600	2.2%	4,600	2.2%
State Education	4,200	4,100	2.4%	4,100	2.4%
Other State	500	500	0.0%	500	0.0%
Local	2,300	2,450	-6.1%	2,400	-4.2%
Local Education	950	1,150	-17.4%	1,050	-9.5%
Other Local	1,350	1,300	3.8%	1,350	0.0%

UNITED STATES

MANUFACTURING HOURS AND EARNINGS

INDUSTRY	Average Weekly Earnings			Average Weekly Hours			Average Hourly Earnings		
	JUL 1991	JUN 1991	JUL 1990	JUL 1991	JUN 1991	JUL 1990	JUL 1991	JUN 1991	JUL 1990
MANUFACTURING	452.57	457.67	440.64	40.3	40.9	40.5	11.23	11.19	10.88
Durable Goods	480.26	488.04	466.58	40.7	41.5	41.0	11.80	11.76	11.38
Nondurable Goods	418.95	420.33	406.98	39.9	40.3	39.9	10.50	10.43	10.20

NORTH DAKOTA

MANUFACTURING HOURS AND EARNINGS

INDUSTRY	Average Weekly Earnings			Average Weekly Hours			Average Hourly Earnings		
	JUL 1991	JUN 1991	JUL 1990	JUL 1991	JUN 1991	JUL 1990	JUL 1991	JUN 1991	JUL 1990
MANUFACTURING	333.38	366.96	350.16	39.5	39.8	39.3	8.44	9.22	8.91
Durable Goods	325.22	384.46	375.15	40.2	40.9	41.0	8.09	9.40	9.15
Nondurable Goods	342.99	346.12	319.18	38.8	38.5	37.2	8.84	8.99	8.58
Food & Kindred	349.06	357.78	330.96	40.4	40.2	39.4	8.64	8.90	8.40

FARGO-MOORHEAD MSA

MANUFACTURING HOURS AND EARNINGS

INDUSTRY	Average Weekly Earnings			Average Weekly Hours			Average Hourly Earnings		
	JUL 1991	JUN 1991	JUL 1990	JUL 1991	JUN 1991	JUL 1990	JUL 1991	JUN 1991	JUL 1990
MANUFACTURING	336.28	353.82	356.11	37.7	38.5	39.7	8.92	9.19	8.97
Durable Goods	343.57	360.40	376.66	39.4	40.0	42.9	8.72	9.01	8.78
Nondurable Goods	328.68	345.92	332.84	36.0	36.8	36.1	9.13	9.40	9.22

LABOR FORCE

INDUSTRIES	CURRENT MONTH	PREVIOUS MONTH	% CHANGE FROM	ONE YEAR AGO	% CHANGE FROM
Benchmark 90/1	July 1991	June 1991	June 1991	July 1990	July 1990
UNITED STATES *					
(In Thousands)					
Labor Force	125,213	125,629	-0.3%	124,709	0.4%
Employment	116,712	116,884	-0.1%	117,882	-1.0%
Unemployment	8,501	8,745	-2.8%	6,827	24.5%
Unemployment Rate	6.8%	7.0%	xxx	5.5%	xxx
NORTH DAKOTA					
Labor Force	326,570	328,780	-0.7%	334,600	-2.4%
Employment	313,730	315,110	-0.4%	321,280	-2.3%
Unemployment	12,840	13,670	-6.1%	13,320	-3.6%
Unemployment Rate	3.9%	4.2%	xxx	4.0%	xxx
BISMARCK MSA					
Labor Force	48,740	48,960	-0.4%	48,190	1.1%
Employment	46,840	47,090	-0.5%	46,350	1.1%
Unemployment	1,900	1,870	1.6%	1,840	3.3%
Unemployment Rate	3.9%	3.8%	xxx	3.8%	xxx
FARGO-MOORHEAD MSA					
Labor Force	89,810	89,890	-0.1%	88,750	1.2%
Employment	87,190	87,210	0.0%	86,400	0.9%
Unemployment	2,620	2,680	-2.2%	2,350	11.5%
Unemployment Rate	2.9%	3.0%	xxx	2.7%	xxx
GRAND FORKS MSA					
Labor Force	35,530	35,310	0.6%	36,070	-1.5%
Employment	34,350	34,060	0.9%	34,430	-0.2%
Unemployment	1,180	1,250	-5.6%	1,640	-28.0%
Unemployment Rate	3.3%	3.5%	xxx	4.5%	xxx

U. S. data seasonally adjusted, other data not seasonally adjusted.

* Break in Series. Data published for May 1991 and all prior months included the resident Armed Forces. Data for June 1991 and subsequent months excludes the resident Armed Forces.

The Bismarck Metropolitan Statistical Area (MSA) includes Burleigh and Morton Counties.
The Fargo-Moorhead MSA includes Cass and Clay Counties.
The Grand Forks MSA includes Grand Forks County.

BORDERING STATE LABOR FORCE COMPARISONS

(In Thousands)
JUN 1991

	NORTH DAKOTA	MINNESOTA	SOUTH DAKOTA	MONTANA
Labor Force	328.8	2,499.2	366.0	410.4
Employment	315.1	2,380.3	354.6	384.1
Unemployment	13.7	118.9	11.4	26.3
Unemployment Rate	4.2%	4.8%	3.1%	6.4%

U. S. CONSUMER PRICE INDEX

ALL URBAN CONSUMERS

(1982-84 = 100)

ITEM	ANNUAL AVERAGE 1990	JUL 1991	JUN 1991	Percent Change From JUN 1991	JUL 1990	Percent Change From JUL 1990
All Items	130.7	136.2	136.0	0.1%	130.4	4.4%
Food & Beverage	132.1	137.1	137.7	-0.4%	132.4	3.5%
Housing	128.5	134.2	133.4	0.6%	129.2	3.9%
Apparel & Upkeep	124.1	125.2	126.9	-1.3%	120.8	3.6%
Transportation	120.5	123.4	123.7	-0.2%	118.4	4.2%
Medical Care	162.8	177.5	176.2	0.7%	163.5	8.6%
Entertainment	132.4	138.6	138.1	0.4%	132.7	4.4%
All Other	159.0	170.8	170.0	0.5%	159.2	7.3%

PRODUCER PRICE INDEX

UNITED STATES AVERAGE

ITEM	ANNUAL AVERAGE 1990	JUL 1991	JUN 1991	Percent Change From JUN 1991	JUL 1990	Percent Change From JUL 1990
All Commodities	116.3	116.0	116.3	-0.3%	114.5	1.3%
Farm Products & Processed Foods and Feeds	118.6	116.3	117.7	-1.2%	120.0	-3.1%
Industrial Commodities	115.8	116.0	116.0	0.0%	113.4	2.3%

LABOR FORCE - BY COUNTY - BY REGION

Benchmark 90/1	LABOR FORCE			EMPLOYMENT			UNEMPLOYMENT			RATE		
	JUL'91	JUN'91	JUL'90	JUL'91	JUN'91	JUL'90	JUL'91	JUN'91	JUL'90	JUL'91	JUN'91	JUL'90
Divide	1,260	1,341	1,385	1,230	1,306	1,361	30	35	24	2.4%	2.6%	1.7%
McKenzie	2,375	2,486	2,681	2,260	2,361	2,598	115	125	83	4.8%	5.0%	3.1%
Williams	11,267	11,194	11,530	10,772	10,751	11,127	495	443	403	4.4%	4.0%	3.5%
REGION 1	**14,902**	**15,021**	**15,596**	**14,262**	**14,418**	**15,086**	**640**	**603**	**510**	**4.3%**	**4.0%**	**3.3%**
Bottineau	3,061	3,233	3,344	2,946	3,119	3,198	115	114	146	3.8%	3.5%	4.4%
Burke	1,214	1,261	1,302	1,151	1,186	1,236	63	75	66	5.2%	5.9%	5.1%
McHenry	2,322	2,356	2,559	2,155	2,170	2,337	167	186	222	7.2%	7.9%	8.7%
Mountrail	3,264	3,328	3,351	3,052	3,068	3,173	212	260	178	6.5%	7.8%	5.3%
Pierce	2,363	2,413	2,563	2,298	2,343	2,492	65	70	71	2.8%	2.9%	2.8%
Renville	1,140	1,144	1,210	1,088	1,082	1,166	52	62	44	4.6%	5.4%	3.6%
Ward	26,191	26,248	26,709	25,286	25,217	25,704	905	1,031	1,005	3.5%	3.9%	3.8%
REGION 2	**39,555**	**39,983**	**41,038**	**37,976**	**38,185**	**39,306**	**1,579**	**1,798**	**1,732**	**4.0%**	**4.5%**	**4.2%**
Benson	2,670	2,790	2,986	2,454	2,531	2,701	216	259	285	8.1%	9.3%	9.5%
Cavalier	2,440	2,459	2,628	2,329	2,356	2,507	111	103	121	4.5%	4.2%	4.6%
Eddy	1,288	1,356	1,425	1,210	1,259	1,345	78	97	80	6.1%	7.2%	5.6%
Ramsey	6,582	6,602	6,802	6,385	6,389	6,591	197	213	211	3.0%	3.2%	3.1%
Rolette	4,014	4,121	4,591	3,327	3,284	3,614	687	837	977	17.1%	20.3%	21.3%
Towner	1,743	1,718	1,819	1,685	1,659	1,781	58	59	38	3.3%	3.4%	2.1%
REGION 3	**18,737**	**19,046**	**20,251**	**17,390**	**17,478**	**18,539**	**1,347**	**1,568**	**1,712**	**7.2%**	**8.2%**	**8.5%**
Grand Forks	35,525	35,314	36,063	34,347	34,064	34,425	1,178	1,250	1,638	3.3%	3.5%	4.5%
Nelson	1,773	1,834	1,900	1,711	1,770	1,843	62	64	57	3.5%	3.5%	3.0%
Pembina	5,097	4,902	5,516	4,699	4,592	5,031	398	310	485	7.8%	6.3%	8.8%
Walsh	7,727	7,608	8,059	7,388	7,292	7,700	339	316	359	4.4%	4.2%	4.5%
REGION 4	**50,122**	**49,658**	**51,538**	**48,145**	**47,718**	**48,999**	**1,977**	**1,940**	**2,539**	**3.9%**	**3.9%**	**4.9%**
Cass	62,909	63,346	62,645	61,416	61,722	61,300	1,493	1,624	1,345	2.4%	2.6%	2.1%
Ransom	2,676	2,645	2,821	2,617	2,593	2,761	59	52	60	2.2%	2.0%	2.1%
Richland	8,599	8,976	8,788	8,128	8,320	8,360	471	656	428	5.5%	7.3%	4.9%
Sargent	2,839	2,871	2,866	2,772	2,818	2,828	67	53	38	2.4%	1.8%	1.3%
Steele	1,045	1,060	1,150	1,017	1,045	1,114	28	15	36	2.7%	1.4%	3.1%
Traill	4,046	4,020	4,336	3,814	3,836	4,133	232	184	203	5.7%	4.6%	4.7%
REGION 5	**82,114**	**82,918**	**82,606**	**79,764**	**80,334**	**80,496**	**2,350**	**2,584**	**2,110**	**2.9%**	**3.1%**	**2.6%**

LABOR FORCE - BY COUNTY - BY REGION

Benchmark 90/1	LABOR FORCE			EMPLOYMENT			UNEMPLOYMENT			RATE		
	JUL'91	JUN'91	JUL'90	JUL'91	JUN'91	JUL'90	JUL'91	JUN'91	JUL'90	JUL'91	JUN'91	JUL'90
Barnes	5,694	5,833	5,859	5,517	5,640	5,709	177	193	150	3.1%	3.3%	2.6%
Dickey	2,968	3,019	3,097	2,872	2,934	3,036	96	85	61	3.2%	2.8%	2.0%
Foster	2,068	2,109	2,181	2,007	2,053	2,123	61	56	58	2.9%	2.7%	2.7%
Griggs	1,425	1,432	1,585	1,386	1,392	1,541	39	40	44	2.7%	2.8%	2.8%
La Moure	2,168	2,190	2,332	2,132	2,144	2,282	36	46	50	1.7%	2.1%	2.1%
Logan	1,352	1,407	1,482	1,324	1,357	1,441	28	50	41	2.1%	3.6%	2.8%
McIntosh	2,068	2,133	2,283	2,038	2,089	2,203	30	44	80	1.5%	2.1%	3.5%
Stutsman	11,069	11,177	11,723	10,678	10,801	11,373	391	376	350	3.5%	3.4%	3.0%
Wells	2,720	2,702	2,877	2,585	2,548	2,743	135	154	134	5.0%	5.7%	4.7%
REGION 6	31,532	32,002	33,419	30,539	30,958	32,451	993	1,044	968	3.1%	3.3%	2.9%
Burleigh	35,651	35,873	35,265	34,369	34,553	34,011	1,282	1,320	1,254	3.6%	3.7%	3.6%
Emmons	2,088	2,117	2,243	2,041	2,049	2,169	47	68	74	2.3%	3.2%	3.3%
Grant	1,706	1,772	1,897	1,648	1,670	1,820	58	102	77	3.4%	5.8%	4.1%
Kidder	1,417	1,492	1,558	1,348	1,410	1,445	69	82	113	4.9%	5.5%	7.3%
McLean	4,394	4,488	4,470	4,157	4,232	4,248	237	256	222	5.4%	5.7%	5.0%
Mercer	5,847	5,828	5,829	5,397	5,414	5,508	450	414	321	7.7%	7.1%	5.5%
Morton	13,082	13,080	12,918	12,467	12,534	12,337	615	546	581	4.7%	4.2%	4.5%
Oliver	1,090	1,141	1,101	1,033	1,088	1,058	57	53	43	5.2%	4.6%	3.9%
Sheridan	1,133	1,127	1,238	1,106	1,083	1,202	27	44	36	2.4%	3.9%	2.9%
Sioux	1,161	1,282	1,239	792	844	831	369	438	408	31.8%	34.2%	32.9%
REGION 7	67,569	68,200	67,758	64,358	64,877	64,629	3,211	3,323	3,129	4.8%	4.9%	4.6%
Adams	1,821	1,770	1,833	1,782	1,741	1,798	39	29	35	2.1%	1.6%	1.9%
Billings	1,286	1,257	1,208	1,270	1,230	1,189	16	27	19	1.2%	2.1%	1.6%
Bowman	2,229	2,174	2,248	2,155	2,118	2,226	74	56	22	3.3%	2.6%	1.0%
Dunn	1,611	1,647	1,765	1,536	1,545	1,693	75	102	72	4.7%	6.2%	4.1%
Gldn Valley	1,020	992	1,069	990	946	1,050	30	46	19	2.9%	4.6%	1.8%
Hettinger	1,648	1,635	1,820	1,603	1,603	1,763	45	32	57	2.7%	2.0%	3.1%
Slope	445	464	480	417	421	453	28	43	27	6.3%	9.3%	5.6%
Stark	11,974	12,016	11,962	11,541	11,543	11,597	433	473	365	3.6%	3.9%	3.1%
REGION 8	22,034	21,955	22,385	21,294	21,147	21,769	740	808	616	3.4%	3.7%	2.8%
STATE TOTALS	326,563	328,782	334,595	313,728	315,114	321,275	12,835	13,668	13,320	3.9%	4.2%	4.0%

DEFINITIONS

EMPLOYED: A count of individuals 16 years of age or older who worked for pay any time during the week which included the 12th of the month or who worked unpaid for 15 hours or more in a family-operated enterprise.

UNEMPLOYED: Includes all individuals who did not work during the survey week, but were available for work except for temporary illness, and had looked for jobs within the preceding four weeks.

LABOR FORCE: The sum of the employed and the unemployed.

UNEMPLOYMENT RATE: The number of unemployed as a percent of the total labor force.

CONSUMER PRICE INDEX: A monthly statistical measure of the average change in prices in a fixed market basket of goods and services. Though the CPI is often call the "Cost of Living Index," it measures only price change, which is just one of several important factors affecting living costs. The index is produced by the Bureau of Labor Statistics, U. S. Department of Labor.

PRODUCER PRICE INDEX: This index measures the average changes in prices received in primary markets of the United States by producers of commodities in all states of processing. The index is produced by the Bureau of Labor Statistics, U. S. Department of Labor.

NONAGRICULTURAL WAGE AND SALARY EMPLOYMENT: An estimate of all full- and part-time wage and salary employees who worked during, or received pay from the pay period which included the 12th of the month. Estimates measure the number of jobs by industry and reflect employment by place of work.

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BEULAH
119 East Main
Phone: 873-5607

DEVILS LAKE
301 South College Drive
Phone: 662- 2181

DICKINSON
66 Osborn Drive
Phone: 227-2361

FARGO
1350 32nd Street South
Phone: 239-7100

NDSU-FARGO
Career Services
211 Ceres Hall
Phone: 237-7111

FORT TOTTEN
Tribal Building
Phone: 766-4221, Ext. 45

FORT YATES
Job Service Building
Phone: 854-7463

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Phone: 352-4450

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